

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1044 - SB 1322

March 10, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Safety (DOS) to issue permit cards for enhanced handgun carry permits with the designation "Enhanced Handgun Carry Permit" on the front of the permit card. Requires the DOS to issue a replacement permit card with the new designation for any permit card that contains the old designation of "Handgun Carry Permit" upon renewal or upon the permit holder's request. Requires DOS to fund the replacement permits using available funds contained in the Handgun Permit Reserve account. Upon exhaustion of such funds, authorizes the DOS to charge a fee no greater than \$15 for issuance of a replacement permit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent that the required modifications to the Department of Safety's card management system can be accomplished within available resources provided under the current vendor contract, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures. Otherwise, those modifications could result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of up to \$190,000 in FY23-24.

Assumptions:

- The change to the design and appearance of an enhanced handgun carry permit card will require the relevant vendor to perform updates. The current contract with the vendor includes a provision that allows for the DOS to request up to two such cards changes per contract cycle without an additional increase in expenditures. Therefore, any fiscal impact related to the card changes is estimated to be not significant. However, if this and other legislation subsequently enacted requires more than two such cards changes, it could result in an increase in state expenditures up to \$190,000 in FY23-24.
- Upon renewal of an enhanced handgun carry permit, the permit holder is issued a new permit card. Therefore, there will not be an increase in the total number of cards issued related to renewals.
- Potential interest by current enhanced handgun carry permit holders to seek a new card design that has the updated designation before their normal renewal cycle is assumed to be low; therefore, any fiscal impact related to this provision is estimated to be not significant.
- The current balance of the Handgun Permit Reserve fund is \$24,427,857.
- Any fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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